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ENDOPHILE

NEW SPECIAL CONSULTANT

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As you can tell from this newsletter, the reigns have been passed from Colonel William Schindler to myself as Program Director of our residency and Special Consultant to the Assistant Surgeon General. Bill's retirement ceremony was held on January 9, 1998 with his official retirement on March 1. We in the endodontic corps were sad to see a long standing champion of our corps go, but wish him the best in his new dual position with the Veteran's Administration AEGD-1 program and with the graduate endodontic program at UTHSCSA.

Much of the same tradition of the endodontic corps will hopefully continue, although some changes are inevitable. One change, as you can see, is the return of the banner "Endophile" to our newsletter. This title dates back to when Bill Walker was Chairman, and was always a favorite of mine, thus it's return.

I will certainly do everything in my power to maintain the standard of excellence in this office, one that has endured for many years. I must say it has been a bit of a shock to arrive and just begin learning the job of training officer only to find Col Schindler retiring on a short notice. This left me without a training officer until summer rotations. Luckily we are fortunate to have Major Bruce Poulsen coming to Lackland as the program's Assistant

Chairman and Training Officer this summer. Hopefully this will break me of the habit of giving myself orders and talking to myself!!

ASSIGNMENT

1998 has certainly been challenging for me regarding trying to give our assignments people input on endodontic assignments. We have no less than eight endodontists who have or will separate or retire in 1998. As of this writing, we have four new endodontists joining us. Do the math and you see that we cannot fill all positions presently manned. Add to this the fact that very few are even eligible to move this year due to time on station restrictions and you can appreciate the difficulties faced this year. Four of our six overseas assignments also turn over this year. Add all these factors up, and inevitably in the chess game that military personnel plays, someone will feel like a "pawn" when all is played out, being pressed into an unexpected move. In our shrinking force which is likely to continue to shrink for some time, those of us who stay in will see a very different picture than we have been used to in the past. Overseas assignments will occur much more frequently, and assignment changes may be more erratic, due to the constraints of the many rules we have to go by.

Moves in summer 1998

The expected upcoming moves for this summer are listed in the box on this page. These are accurate as of April 1998

Separations and Retirements

With the retirement of Bill Schindler and Bill Roth this year we lose a significant amount of corporate knowledge within our corps. Bill Schindler trained in 1981 and Bill Roth in 1983. I would like to extend my personal gratitude to both of these individuals for a long and distinguished career serving the Air Force and our country.

The list of separations in the box below is also formidable. The years added together of all these individuals is tremendous. I wish them all the best in their pursuits in civilian practice. I would also like to extend my thanks to each and every one of them for the dedication they have shown in their time given to the Air Force.

New Resident Selections

During the resident selection board last year we again were lucky to have a really talented and competitive group of applicants to choose from for endodontic training. Due to the upcoming shortages we foresee, we selected five individuals, the most selected in any one year in quite some time for endo. Congratulations to the following individuals.

Capt Kenneth Boone Moody AFB

Capt Darlene Hachmeister Masawa

Capt Joseph Parsons, Ellsworth AFB

Capt Douglas Thomas, Ramstein

Capt Nicole Yingling, Ramstein

Congratulations to the newest members

of our endodontic team!! Joe Parsons has already been accepted to Iowa for training and he will be swapping with Michelle Coffey, starting in 1998, with Michelle starting in 1999.

One of our biggest obstacles in building our corps back up to size is the difficulty of getting into civilian programs for our selectees that are approved for AFIT sponsorship. The renaissance of endodontics which hopefully will be favorable to us all some day is also creating a tremendous competition for training slots. Almost every program in the country has been getting close to 100 applicants for every two slots. Due to the finite facility and patient pool at Lackland, we cannot expect to increase the size of our class beyond two, yet increasing the civilian sponsored slots adds the gauntlet of getting into these highly competitive programs. This is evidenced by Major Coffey, who, with excellent credentials, still just missed the cut. I am very proud to say she was first, yes, I said **first**, alternate at no less than three programs. By swapping start years with Joe Parsons, we are tossing Michelle into the fray again and I am very confident she will be successful next time around. This, however, sets the stage for the environment we are in for the next few years.

Moves, Separations, and Retirements

Moves

LtCol John Kusmaul	Travis, Calif.	to	Kadena, Okinawa
Major Bruce Poulsen	Yokota, Japan	to	Lackland, Texas
Major John Nusstein	Kadena, Okinawa	to	Eglin, Florida
Major Mike Mauger	Residency	to	Elemdorf, Alaska
Major Rodney Waite	Residency	to	Keesler, Mississippi
Major Michell Kennedy	Ohio State Univ.	to	Yokota, Japan

Retirements

Col Bill Schindler	1 March 1998
Col Bill Roth	Summer 1998

Separations

Lt. Col Garry Myers	Summer 1998
Lt. Col Chuck Glosson	March 1998
Lt. Col Martin Gambill	Summer 1998
Lt. Col Mike Hall	Fall 1998
Major Bob Brandys	Summer 1998
Major Allen Meier	Summer 1998

PAY ISSUES \$\$\$\$\$

It was great to see some increases in special pay this year. In case you are not aware of it, the ADA took a very active part in getting these pay raises for us. Any of you who feel you do not gain any benefit from belonging to the

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ADA should be reassured that this organization has really gone to bat for us. Their involvement may not always be readily visible, but they continue to work in many ways for us. I encourage all of you to keep up with your ADA dues. You may not be aware that ADA membership is also a requirement for membership in the AAE. Back to pay..... During a tri-service education conference in Bethesda, Maryland in April, we had the chance to get up to date on all ongoing issues, and the battle for our multi year signing bonus is also being wages ferociously. Optimism abounds, and many in Washington hope that it will be in place for all specialties by this year. Endodontics still looks like it will be in the highest paid category which could give us up to \$14,000 more a year. The need for even more incentives, in the form of an ISP similar to physicians, was also stressed to the powers that be.

PUBLICATIONS

This past year two articles have appeared in the Journal of Endodontics authored by one of our own. In November 1997, Major Orest Harkacz' article on *Determination of Periodontal Ligament Cell Viability in the Oral Rehydration Fluid Gatorade and Milks of Varying Fat Content* appeared. February 1998 featured Major Robin Hinrich's article *A comparison of Amounts of Apically Extruded Debris Using Handpiece-Driven Nickel-Titanium Instrument Systems*.

Both Major Mike Mauger and Major Rod Waite have had their research articles accepted for publication by the JOE as well. Mike has a second paper also accepted for future publication.

ALOHA!

With great sadness I announce the loss of our endodontic slot in Hawaii. When Allen Meier leaves this summer, he will not be replaced and the slot goes away. Powers higher than my office looked at our resources and felt if any overseas slot could be sacrificed, Hickam could afford it the most, since they have Navy and Army endodontists to tap for the active duty personnel, and family members can get care in town with their insurance.

Other slots will be left unfilled this summer also, but hopefully only temporarily. At our current projected corps strength of 20 by summer, we are unable to man any non-teaching position. This means that Andrews AFB as well as the Air Force Academy will not be filled this summer. McDill and Davis-Monthan also remain on the books but go unfilled. The priority handed to us is still overseas positions first, followed by teaching positions. If any teaching positions go unfilled, we first would sacrifice any double manned positions, then go by the size and critical nature of the mission at each base. Because of this, Dunn clinic will most likely drop to one endodontist for a period of time starting this fall.

Nov 1997 Promotion Board

To Colonel

Lt. Col Steven Hansen

Lt. Col Rick Rutledge

To Lt. Colonel

Major Orest Harkacz

We had no pass overs in the endodontic corps this last board. That is a real Kudo to those who were successful in one of the toughest selection boards in quite some time. Congratulations!

COMMUNICATION

The best way to get information out to you and for you to get info to me and others is through the internet. If I do not have your email address yet please get it to me as soon as possible and I will get it into our endo directory.

On another note, if you have tested or bought either a surgical microscope or a digital radiograph setup, send me your impressions of that particular brand. We need to centralize our experiences so when the time comes

for one of you to help your clinic make a purchase you have the ability to tap into the past experiences of the rest of the endodontic corps. Your write up may just be in the form of tips for easier use. We can use that too. All the information can be put into this newsletter. Maybe a "letters to the editor section" could be considered in the future?

USAF ENDODONTISTS

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NAME	RANK	DAS	ASSIGNMENT	DSN #
Bates, Christopher F.	LTC	9607	Barksdale	781-6624/3633
Beeson, Thomas J.	LTC	9607	Sheppard	736-1731/4474
*Bolger, Walton L.	COL	9308	Langley	574-7124
*Cunningham, Cary J.	LTC	9507	Ramstein	480-7165/7451
*Douglas, G. Bruce	COL	9507	Scott	576-6451/6733
*Fogarty, Thomas J.	COL	9610	Bolling	297-5258
*Gullickson, Dale C.	COL	9707	Wright-Patterson	787-9555/9545
Hall, Michael	LTC	9607	Lackland	554-6039
*Hansen, Steven R.	LTC	9707	Lackland	554-7832
Harkacz, Orest M.	MAJ	9706	Offutt	271-3216/5712
Hinrichs, Robin E.	MAJ	9706	Keesler	597-5109/3632
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Kussmaul, John	LTC	9807	Kadena	634-1011
Mauger, Michael J.	MAJ	9807	Elmendorf	317-552-5170/2628
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Poulsen, W. Bruce	MAJ	9807	Lackland	554-7832
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Yaccino, John M.	MAJ	1999	WHMC	DSN 554-7214
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Bergeron, Brian E.	MAJ	2000	UTHSCSA/WHMC	210-567-3394
Kirkpatrick, Timothy	MAJ	2000	UTHSCSA/WHMC	210-567-3394
Pfotenhauer, David	MAJ	2000	Indiana Univ.	
Parsons, Joseph R.	CAPT	2000	Univ. of Iowa	
Coffey, Ann M.	MAJ	2001	Geilenkirchen AB (AFIT)	DSN 455-3715 248
Boone, Kenneth J.	CAPT	2001	Cannon AFB (WHMC)	DSN 681-4041
Hachmeister, Darlene	CAPT	2001	Misawa AB (WHMC)	DSN 315-226-6302
Thomas, Douglas E.	CAPT	2001	Ramstein AB (AFIT)	DSN 675-3524
Yingling, Nicole B.	CAPT	2001	Ramstein AB (AFIT)	DSN 480-6696

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*COL WALTON L BOLGER 1 DENTAL SQUADRON/SGD 45 PINE STREET LANGLEY AFB VA 23665-2080	LANGLEY AFB VA	bolgerwl@lang01.mednet.af.mil	1993	574-7124
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*COL THOMAS J FOGARTY 11 MEDICAL SQUADRON/SGD 260 BROOKLEY AVE STE 2-48 BOLLING AFB DC 20332-5300	BOLLING AFB DC		1996	297-5258
*COL DALE C. GULLICKSON 74 DENTAL SQUADRON/SGD 4881 SUGAR MAPLE DRIVE WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OH 45433-5529	WRIGHT-PATTERSON OH		1997	787-9555/9545

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LTC JOHN KUSSMAUL 18 MEDICAL GROUP/SGD UNIT 5142 APO AP 96368-5142	KADENA AB, OKINAWA		1998	634-1398-FAX 634-1011
MAJ MICHELE KENNEDY 374 MEDICAL GROUP/SGD UNIT 5071 APO AP 96328-5071	YOKOTA AB, JAPAN		1998	312-225-3670
MAJ MICHAEL J. MAUGER 3 MEDICAL GROUP/SGD 24800 HOSPITAL DRIVE ELMENDORF AFB AK 99506-3700	ELMENDORF AFB AK		1998	317-552-5170 317-552-2628
MAJ JOHN M. NUSSTEIN 96 MEDICAL GROUP/SGD 307 BOATNER ROAD, SUITE 114 EGLIN AFB FL 32542-1282	EGLIN AFB FL		1998	872-7581

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